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SUBJECT: KYODO REPORT ON REPROCESSING SPENT FUEL

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1. WILMSHURST, FCO ENERGY DEPARTMENT. CONFIRMS THAT BRITISH, FRENCH AND JAPANESE COMPANIES WERE PLANNING TO SIGN THEIR REPROCESSING CONTRACTS ON MAY 24. THE UK FELT THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE HOWEVER SINCE SIGNATURE "MIGHT NOT PRODUCE THE BEST REACTION AROUND THE WORLD" AS WELL AS ADVERSELY AFFECT THE WINDSCALE EXPANSION APPLICATION. THE BRITISH CONSEQUENTLY ASKED IF THE JAPANESE WOULD RECONSIDER WHEN WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO SIGN THE CONTRACTS.

2. WILMSHURST NOTED THAT BNFL AND COGEMA HAD INTENDED TO SIGN TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS WITH THE JAPANESE ON THE SAME DAY. ACCORDINGLY, HMG TOLD THE FRENCH OF ITS REQUEST TO THE JAPANESE BUT THE FRENCH ARE NOT PLANNING TO MAKE A SEPARATE APPROACH. WILMSHURST SAYS THE FRENCH WILL EITHER WAIT OR SIGN DEPENDING ON WHAT THE JAPANESE WANT.

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3. THE BRITISH HAVE ASKED FOR A JAPANESE REPLY ASAP BUT, AS WILMSHURST NOTED, THE UK IS NOT CHASING THEM.

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